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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR A CORE CURRICULUM  
FRAMEWORK FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE SIX; PROVIDING FOR  
GRANTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Article 13 of the Public  
School Code is enacted to read:

"CORE CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK--PURPOSE--CURRICULUM.--

A. School districts and charter schools may create  
core curriculum frameworks to provide high quality curricula  
in kindergarten through grade six to prepare students for  
pre-advanced placement and advanced placement coursework in  
grades seven through twelve.

B. The framework shall include:

(1) a curriculum that is aligned with state  
academic content and performance standards that is  
challenging, specific as to content and sequential from grade  
to grade, similar to a core curriculum sequence;

(2) in-depth professional development for  
teachers that includes vertical teaming in content areas; and

(3) content, materials and instructional  
strategies or methodologies that current research  
demonstrates are likely to lead to improved student  
achievement in pre-advanced placement and advanced placement

1 coursework in grades seven through twelve.

2 C. The framework may be selected from previously  
3 developed curricula or may be developed by the school  
4 district or charter school.

5 D. A school district or charter school that meets  
6 department eligibility requirements may apply to the  
7 department for support of its core curriculum framework.  
8 Applications shall be in the form prescribed by the  
9 department and shall include the following information:

10 (1) a statement of need;

11 (2) goals and expected outcomes of the  
12 framework;

13 (3) a detailed description of the curriculum  
14 to be implemented;

15 (4) a detailed work plan and budget for the  
16 framework;

17 (5) documentation of the research upon which  
18 the anticipated success of the framework is based;

19 (6) a description of any partnership  
20 proposed to implement the framework, supported by letters of  
21 commitment from the partner;

22 (7) an evaluation plan; and

23 (8) any other information that the  
24 department requires.

25 E. The department shall award grants within ninety SB 138  
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